

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

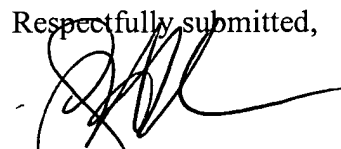
Please cancel claims 38-68, 73-77, 80-103, 108-132, 137-139, 142 and 143 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This amendment is provided merely to simplify the issues on appeal and in no way represents and acquiescence to the rejections of record. Entry of the amendment is proper as it eliminates grounds for rejection.

Should Examiner Hauda have any questions regarding this amendment, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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